

In the specification:

Page 11, cancel the last paragraph and substitute therefor:

The form of embodiment in accordance with fig. 4b differs from the one in fig. 4a in that the first rod 12" of the auditory ossicle prosthesis 40 is considerably prolonged vis-à-vis the first rod 12" of the auditory ossicle prosthesis 30 between the first clip 11' and the articulated end point of the first rod in the ball (not visible in the drawing) of the U-shaped socket component 14, thereby exhibiting a much greater lever path. Depending on the individual situation in the middle ear of the patient, the distance between the first clip 11, 11' and the ball 13 is selected to be in a range of 1 to 5 mm. The distance between the ball 13 and the stapes base plate 21 will be within a range of between 3 and 7 mm.